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While reference reported no traces on SCHRUEBBERS, we have just received from ODACID the following background information on Subject, which we are transmitting for your information. A check with ODOPAL headquarters proved negative.

1. Hubert SCHRUEBBERS was born on November 3, 1907 in Recklinghausen in the former Province of Westphalia (now Northrhine-Westphalia). He is a Catholic, married and has 2 children. His wife, Johanna-Maria Schruiebbbers-Uhl, is a former concert singer from Tübingen. She is presently active as a singing teacher in Cologne and works in connection with the Radio Station NWDR in that city. He is a confirmed pipe smoker. He is very much interested in the fine arts, and his special hobby is photography. He is one of three brothers, one of whom is a director of a coal mine, and the other a black sheep who at one time tried to sell his services as an agent to British Intelligence and who later got into trouble because of an alleged swindle.

2. Professional Career:

July 21, 1931 - First legal state examination (Referendar) in Hamm
Mar. 15, 1935 - Second " " (Assessor) in Berlin
June 1, 1939 - appointed State Prosecuting Attorney in Bochum
(Staatsanwalt)
Jan. 1, 1947 - appointed State Prosecuting Attorney (Staatsanwalt)
in Dortmund
Mar. 1, 1947 - appointed First State Attorney with the Attorneyship
at the Provincial Court in Hamm (Erster Staatsanwalt
bei der Staatsanwaltschaft des Oberlandesgerichts)

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- July 1, 1948 - Chief State Attorney (Oberstaatsanwalt) in Arnberg
- Oct. 1, 1948 - Chief State Attorney with the Supreme Zonal Court -
British Zone - in Cologne (Oberstaatsanwalt beim
Obersten Zonengericht)
(appointed by Central Legal Office in Hamburg)
- Oct. 1, 1950 - Federal Prosecuting Attorney at the Federal Court in
Karlsruhe (Oberstaatsanwalt beim Bundesgericht)
(appointed by German Ministry of Justice, Bonn
District)
- Oct. 1, 1952 - Attorney General in the Provincial Court Duessel-
dorf (Generalstaatsanwalt beim Oberlandesgericht
Duesseldorf).

3. From August 10, 1943 to May 16, 1946 SCHRUEBERS served with the German army, and the last rank that he held was that of Sergeant. He never was a member of the NSDAP, according to the NRW Ministry of Justice. He has never been active politically, and this office was unable to ascertain to which political party he is affiliated, if any. His post-war career really began, according to a British source, with his appointment (by the British Military Government - presumably the Central Legal Office in Hamburg) as State Attorney in Hamm on March 1, 1947.

4. According to Oberlandesgerichtspräsident Werner BAERNS, SCHRUEBERS is a well educated, extremely competent lawyer whom he has estimated highly as a colleague. He described him as being a strong man both physically and in his character. At the same time he is reputed to be very human and approachable. In fact the only critical comment heard about him is that he sometimes appears too friendly and therefore not quite genuine. His change of positions from Federal Prosecuting Attorney to Attorney General in the Provincial Court District appears on the surface at least to have been a demotion. President Baerns admitted that his present position does not carry the same prestige as that of Federal Prosecuting Attorney although the salary is only slightly less, but he stated that SCHRUEBERS accepted his present job when it was offered to him because his wife and family were living in Cologne, a considerable distance from Karlsruhe and because, as he himself said, "At Karlsruhe I am one of four equally ranking federal attorneys whereas as Generalstaatsanwalt in Duesseldorf I am completely in charge". In his present job he administers and supervises the work of approximately 100-125 local (county) prosecuting attorneys. He rarely tries a case himself although occasionally he

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does handle important cases. Again, according to a local British source, his appointment as Generalstaatsanwalt in Duesseldorf moved him over the heads of a considerable number of more senior civil servants which has caused a certain amount of jealousy, as would be expected in such case. However, there has been no indication that he has arrived near the top of his profession except by his own merit and ability.

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